the investigation, prevention and treatment was taken; the Director of Public Health, except during the period between 27th January 1935 and 25th March 1935 when the Chief Medical Officer was in charge.

(b) No; as the town was declared plague infected only on 8th February 1935, when he was not the Director of Public Health, no answer is necessary in view of the answer just above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it a fact that while plague was raging in Kunnamkulam the Director of Public Health made all preparations to leave the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The Director of Public Health made preparations long before Kunnamkulam was declared plague infected. Kunnamkulam was declared to be plague infected after that. Until it is definitely proved to be plague infected we cannot declare it as such.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Who made the investigation regarding the declaration of plague?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The C. M. O. in charge.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were there rat falls when the D. P. H. left the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did the first rat fall occur?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were there not suspected rat falls when the D. P. H. left the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—No.

62. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many instances have there been in the History of Cochin when more localities than one were declared plague-affected in any one year;

(b) which are those instances;

(c) how many times have the Director of Public Health paid official visits to Kunnamkulam during the plague in 1110;

(d) how long did the plague rage in Kunnamkulam;

(e) how long was the Director of Public Health away from Cochin during the said period?

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Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) No answer is possible as the period for which the information is asked for is indefinite.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Nine.

(d) From 8th February 1935 to 13th July 1935.

(e) From 28th January 1935 to 24th March 1935.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—To say the exact number of instances the period may be necessary. But to say whether there was any instance at all it is not necessary. So will the Government be pleased to answer the question?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—To the best of my knowledge, No.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Any instance in the History of Cochin when there were two areas plague stricken simultaneously?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—After I took charge the Department, No. For the period before that I am sorry I cannot give.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The question was put to the Government.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was one occasion 13 years ago when both Mattancheri and Ernakulam were plague infected.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Are there not rat falls even now in Kunnamkulam?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—No instance has been brought to my notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—What compelled the D. P. H. to leave the State when there were rat falls?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I was deputed on special duty by the Government.

The Malayalam Improvement Committee—members of.

63. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of the members of the present Malayalam Improvement Committee;

(2) why was their tenure of office extended;

(3) the names of the gentlemen proposed to be the members of the Committee that is to be reconstituted?

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